



In 1998 a group of progressively thinking Australians, with an interest in Australian native products, decided to plant Lemon Myrtle (*Backhousia citriodora*) trees on their properties. The existence of the Lemon Myrtle tree was known as far back as 1853 and is a native species that thrives in the subtropical hinterland of the world-renowned Byron Bay.

The company Rainforest Remedies Pty Ltd was set up in 1999 to produce and market a range of natural products that would bring to the public the benefits of Lemon Myrtle. The first products launched comprised Body Soap, Foaming Lemon Myrtle Pure Soap and Pure Lemon Myrtle Oil with more products currently being developed to compliment this range.



The key focus of the company has always been to produce a pure natural product. The Lemon Myrtle used in our products is grown in plantations on a hinterland plateau which is situated on the rim of the caldera of an extinct volcano. This plateau is noted for its rich red volcanic soil, high rainfall and lush growing conditions as well as rainforest remnants. All our Lemon Myrtle trees are grown

using only organic fertilisers and without the use of chemicals. The leaf is harvested and the oil is distilled from the leaf using steam distillation. The oil is then used as a base and blended with other naturally derived ingredients to create our exclusive product range.



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Why Lemon Myrtle?

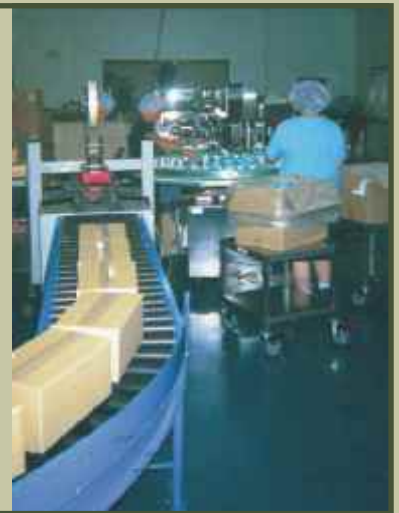
As the name suggests, Lemon Myrtle has a fresh lemon scent which immediately appeals to consumers and reveals the product's Australian origin. Lemon Myrtle however is more than just a "lemon" substitute. The essential oil distilled from the leaf has strong anti-bacterial, anti-fungal and anti-viral properties.

The Rideal-Walker test assesses the anti-microbial activity by looking at the phenol co-efficient of a number of essential oil components such as citral, using bacteria *Salmonella typhi* as the test organism. The test gives Lemon Myrtle oil a co-efficient rating of 16 (the higher the better), Tea Tree (*Melaleuca alternifolia*) a score of 11, while *Eucalyptus citriodora* only scores 8.

Further research at Charles Sturt University found that Lemon Myrtle (*Backhousia citriodora*) has very good anti-bacterial and anti-fungal activity. In fact, studies suggest that *Backhousia* oil has better anti-bacterial and anti-fungal properties than the better known Tea Tree (*Melaleuca alternifolia*).



The Lemon Myrtle Distillery



Production Line



Rainforest Remedies Lemon Myrtle Products

Lemon Myrtle is a rainforest plant *grown organically* on Sub-Tropical plantations on the Northern Coast of New South Wales



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